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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Complaint on First-Class Mail Standards

Docket No. C2001-3

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ON POSTAL SERVICE MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF INTERROGATORY RESPONSES

(Issued October 10, 2001)

The Postal Service seeks permission to file, three calendar days late, its responses to two interrogatories submitted by the Office of the Consumer Advocate. In support of its motion, the Service notes that one of the interrogatories (OCA/USPS-10) required consultation with personnel who either are involved with the omnibus rate case or affected by a recent reduction in force at postal headquarters. It says the other interrogatory (OCA/USPS-11) entailed an extensive, but ultimately vain, attempt to locate responsive documents. Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Filing of Responses to Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA/USPS-10 and 11), October 4, 2001.

For the reasons stated and the lack of any apparent prejudice, the Service's Motion is granted.

Ruling

The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Filing of Responses to Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA/USPS-10 and 11), October 4, 2001, is granted.

Ruth Y. Goldway Presiding Officer